

## I. Amendments to the Specification

**Please amend paragraph 10 as shown below:**

[0010] According to the invention, sintered magnesia and/or fused magnesia or sintered dolomite and/or fused dolomite, selected from among the numerous known resistors, is/are used as basic resistor. In addition, the resistor component may contain one or more of the following, sintered MgO, fused magnesia , sintered dolomite, and fused dolomite. Calcium aluminate having a CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratio of from 0.14 to 0.2, in particular of the chemical composition CaAl<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> having the oxide formula CaO·6Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or the abbreviated formula CA<sub>6</sub>, has been found as an elasticizer.

**Please add the following paragraphs after paragraph 13:**

A shaped body of the present invention may comprise from 60 to 99.5% by mass of the resistor component and from 0.5 to 40% by mass of the elasticizer component.

A shaped body of the present invention may have a porosity of from 12 to 25% by volume. A shaped body may also have a porosity of from 14 to 23% volume. A shaped body of the present invention may have a cold compressive strength above 35 MPa, and a cold flexural strength above 2 MPa. In addition, a shaped body of the present invention may have a cold compressive strength above 45 MPa, and a cold flexural strength above 2 MPa. Further, a shaped body of the present invention may have a modulus of elasticity of from 14 to 35

GPa, and a shear modulus of from 6 to 15 GPa. A shaped body of the present invention may have a modulus of elasticity of from 15 to 32GPa, and a shear modulus of from 7 to 14 GPa. A shaped body of the present invention may have a thermal shock resistance of greater than 80.